Department of Political Science
HONORS THESIS PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM
Academic Year 2017-2018

Name: _____________________________________ Email: __________________________

Campus Address: ______________________________________________

Advisor: _____________________   Telephone_____________________

Please submit the following documents in hard copy to the Department of Political Science reception desk no later than 5pm on Monday, May 1, 2017. Juniors who are in residence should submit a hard copy of the application materials to the department front desk, and those who are abroad should submit the materials electronically to richard.eichenberg@tufts.edu. The subject heading for emails should be “senior thesis application”.

The application must include the following:

1. A written prospectus of no more than 5 double-spaced pages. This prospectus must include the following:
   - clearly define the research question(s) that the thesis aims to answer;
   - explain the theoretical and, where relevant, policy importance of the thesis;
   - outline the methodology of the research (e.g., primary and secondary sources, press reports, interviews, data sources, statistical procedures to be employed etc.);
   - briefly review the two or three major scholarly works that address the research question(s);
   - and include a list of your prior coursework that is specifically relevant to the proposed thesis. The department expects that a senior thesis will build on substantial prior coursework.

2. An up-to-date transcript (unofficial transcript from SIS is fine) Note: A&S rules require that you have achieved the dean’s list twice to be approved for honors thesis work.

3. The name of the political science faculty member who has agreed to serve as the principal faculty advisor for the proposed thesis. Before submitting the application, the applicant must consult with this faculty member. You are advised to choose a faculty member who is familiar with the proposed thesis and who can evaluate your academic background.

Professor/Thesis Advisor’s Name: _______________________________